

REMARKS

The Examiner has further objected to the claims. Such objections are deemed to be avoided by virtue of the clarifications made hereinabove to the claims.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but also stated that such subject matter would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner is thanked for this allowable subject matter.

In response, applicant has amended each of the claims to include such allowable subject matter. A notice of allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAIIP273/00.146.01).

Respectfully submitted,

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